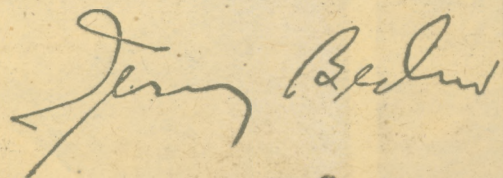


Irving Berlin Denies New Wedding Ceremony

IRVING BERLIN
1607 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

August 31, 1926.

The report that Mrs. Berlin and I are to go through another ceremony, is untrue. I shall deny no more of these false statements.



SHORT AND SNAPPY was the letter sent by Irving Berlin yesterday—reproduced above—in which he denies the story that he and his wife were to go through a Catholic marriage ceremony to appease Ellin's father.

Once is enough where marriage ceremonies are concerned, and that also goes for denials.

This summarizes the attitude of Irving Berlin, writer of popular ballads, who emerged from his shell of seclusion today long enough to brand as false reports that he and his bride, the former Ellin Mackay, would be rewed according to Catholic ritual in order to placate Ellin's irate daddy.

Right to the Point

Berlin did not see reporters himself. But, while Ellin was giving a luncheon at Pierre's, her first move toward re-entering social life since her return from abroad,

with the supposed desire of the pair to win over the bride's father, won ready credence for the report that a church ceremony was contemplated.

PROFESSOR DEAD

WOODMONT, CONN., Sept. 1.—Prof. Charles S. Brown, a graduate of Yale, class of 1882, and professor of mechanical engineering at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., died here at the home of his sister.

5,000 Flee Blaze Threatening Town Of Washington, N.J.

WASHINGTON, N. J., Sept. 1 (By U. P.).—Five thousand persons were routed from their beds by fire which threatened total destruction of this town early today.

St. Cloud Theater, several dwellings, three barns and six automobiles were totally destroyed and St. Cloud Hotel and Baker's Inn heavily damaged.

Fire apparatus from eight towns fought the blaze.

Guests of the hotels fled to the streets partly clothed. The population of 5,000 fled before the menacing fire.

The fire started in a garage from a short-circuited wire.

Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Slayer of Pastor, Freed, Is Cheered

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Sept. 1 (By U. P.).—Cheers greeted W. P. Leffler in court here when charges of murder were dismissed after a preliminary probe of the slaying of the Rev. Edward Gillum, Evangelist, by Leffler.

Evidence showed that Gillum had tried to become familiar with Mrs. Leffler and had written threatening letters to Leffler. The latter said he killed the pastor with an Indian club after finding Gillum in his home. He said the preacher had made a move to draw a gun.

LYNCHINGS INCREASE

Figures made public by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, at 69 5th Ave., show that there were twenty lynchings from August 30, 1925, to August 30, 1926, as compared with eighteen lynchings during the corresponding previous period.

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Mrs. Irving Berlin Irving Berlin the King of Tin Pan Alley issued, through an employee, the following signed statement, curt, and to the point. It read:—

"The report that Mrs. Berlin and I are to go through another ceremony is untrue. I shall deny no more of these false statements."

First Was Civil Ceremony

Mrs. Berlin's only guest at her luncheon was Mrs. Richard B. W. Hall, the former Dorothy Schiff, a daughter of Mortimer Schiff.

The Berlin nuptials were celebrated by a civil ceremony last January at the Municipal Building, and rumors that Mrs. Berlin was soon to become a mother, coupled



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